

B O R O U G H A N D P O R T O F S A N D W I C H

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G.T. ROWLANDS



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Statistical detail concerning the Borough is to be found in the covering United District Annual Report, which also includes information on Births, Deaths, incidence of infectious disease, immunisation and vaccination.

The following information is concerned only with the Borough of Sandwich.

HOUSING

Work on new building, improvements and maintenance during the year was as follows:

A. No. of Houses erected during 1953

New Houses erected by Council	26
New Houses erected by Private Enterprise ..	4
Houses reconditioned under Housing Act ..	1
Houses demolished	-
Houses otherwise closed for human habitation	2

B. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year

1. (a) No. inspected	41
(b) No. of inspections made for the purpose	92
2. No. recorded under Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925	-
3. No. found to be unfit for human habitation	2
4. No. found not in all respects fit for human habitation	23

<u>C.</u> No. of dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action.. ..	23
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D. 1. Proceeding under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of Housing Act 1936.

(a) No. of dwelling houses on which notices were served requiring repairs	1
(b) No. rendered fit	1

2. Proceeding under Public Health Act

(a) No. of dwelling houses on which statutory notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	6
(b) No. in which defects remedied after formal notice:	
by owners.. .. .	6
by L.A. in default	-

3. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of
Housing Act 1936

- (a) No. of dwellings on which Demolition
Order made -
- (b) No. of dwellings demolished under
demolition order -

4. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing
Act 1936

- (a) No. of separate tenements or under-
ground rooms on which closing orders
were made 2

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply for the Borough is obtained from deep wells at Woodnesborough. The Water Works is owned by the Corporation, and the water pumped from there is chemically treated before delivery. The average daily quantity supplied was 250,000 gallons per day.

During the year work started on replacing the old 3" main between the river Stour and the Red Lion with a 6" main.

This should provide a better supply of water to the factory area along the Ramsgate Road. At the completion of this work this new 6" main will be connected to the 6" ring main through the town when once again the pressure and quantity of water available to the factories will rise.

Work was also undertaken to measure the daily consumption of water. The old and defective meters were removed and new meters were installed.

Considerable work was also carried out to the distribution system, in tracing and repairing leaks in the system and repairing defective valves.

Two samples of water were sent for chemical analysis and the following are the results:

					<u>Parts per million</u>	
					<u>January</u>	<u>May</u>
Total solid residue ..	..	..	..	..	430	430
Chlorine ..	..	..	..	..	37	37
Free Ammonia (as Nitrogen) ..	..	..	..	..	None	None
Albuminoid Ammonia (as Nitrogen) ..	..	..	..	..	0.01	None
Nitrogen as Nitrates ..	..	..	..	..	2.0	6.0
Nitrogen as Nitrites ..	..	..	..	..	Faint trace	None
Oxygen absorbed $\frac{1}{4}$ hour at 26.7 C ..	..	..	..	..	0.20	0.07
Oxygen absorbed 4 hours at 26.7 C ..	..	..	..	..	0.31	0.13
Toxic Metals ..	..	..	..	..	Not detected in either sample	
Free and Combined residual Chlorine on receipt)						
p.H. of Water ..	..	..	..	..	7.18	7.4

Throughout the year samples of water have been taken and sent to the County Laboratories, Maidstone, for Bacteriological Examinations. The following table gives the details of these examinations:

				<u>Organisms per C.C.</u>		<u>B. Coli in 100 ml.</u>	
				<u>37°C.</u>	<u>28°C.</u>	<u>Presumptive</u>	<u>Faecal</u>
27.1.53.	-	Waterworks	.. ..	0	0	-	-
23.2.53.	-	Bishops Yard..	.. ..	0	0	-	-
31.3.53.	-	Waterworks	.. ..	0	0	-	-
28.4.53.	-	Red Lion	.. ..	8	25	-	-
27.5.53.	-	Haffendens	.. ..	0	0	-	-
30.6.53.	-	Waterworks	.. ..	0	1	3	-
27.7.53.	-	Guildhall	.. ..	2	65	-	-
1.9.53.	-	Bishops Yard..	.. ..	0	0	-	-
28.9.53.	-	Waterworks	.. ..	10	22	-	-
10.10.53.	-	Reservoir	.. ..	0	3	-	-
28.10.53.	-	Bishops Yard..	.. ..	0	0	-	-
2.12.53.	-	Waterworks	.. ..	1	4	-	-

RAINFALL

The following table gives the rainfall throughout the year as measured at Loop Street, Sandwich.

<u>Date 1953</u>	<u>Inches</u>
January	0.62
February	1.83
March	0.15
April	1.08
May	1.77
June	2.21
July	2.38
August	1.80
September	2.95
October	2.30
November	1.80
December	1.25
Total for Year	<u>20.14</u>

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE

Main drainage is provided for practically the whole of the Borough, the effluent being discharged into the river Stour at two points. The sewer was extended to meet the needs of the growing housing estate.

The number of premises connected to the main drainage is 1,430.

The number of premises connected to cesspools is 15.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The collection and disposal of household refuse is carried out by the Corporation. There is one collection each week, the refuse being collected from the house and taken to the tip at Richborough, by means of a Karrier Bantam Refuse Collection vehicle. The method of disposal is by controlled tipping. The refuse is compacted and then covered with earth.

During the year the Corporation successfully tendered for the refuse collection from the R.A.F. Camp at Sandwich, and this collection has been incorporated in the weekly programme.

CONTROL OF DUSTBINS

Action was taken in five cases.

INSPECTION OF FOOD

No. of inspections of Bakehouses, Dairies and Food preparation places - 96.

Milk: No. of registered Dairies - 1
No. of Registered Retailers - 4

Licences granted

One for sale of T.T. Milk.
One for sale of Pasteurised Milk.

No complaints were received about the retailing of Milk or the containers. Four inspections were made to the premises and 12 of the vehicles.

Ice Cream: No. of premises registered for the
sale of ice cream 20
Those premises selling Pre-packed
ice cream 18

Meat: During the year the following animals were killed at
the Slaughterhouse in Loop Street.

Cattle	1,345	Sheep	3,004
Calves	669	Pigs	1,480

Meat and Offal condemned weighed 11 tons 12cwt 15lbs.

Condemnation of Foodstuffs in shops: A total of 835 lbs.
of mixed foodstuffs was condemned as unfit for human
consumption.

There is no Knackers Yard in the Borough.

Visits for the inspection of meat and other food
in shops - 24.

INSPECTION OF FOOD (Cont.)

Public Houses: The 21 Licenced premises were all inspected.

Cafes, Restaurants and Hotels: Inspected 14 premises

VERMINOUS HOUSES

Two houses were treated for fleas and one premise for Cockroaches.

RODENT CONTROL

Staff: One part-time.

Complaints received: 47

Routine Inspections: 91

No. of premises treated for:	<u>Rats</u>	<u>Mice</u>
Houses.. .. .	45	4
Business Premises ..	5	-

Sewer Treatment: A percentage of all the manholes of the Borough are baited twice annually. Where baits are taken a block treatment of the area is carried out.

Other infestations dealt with included the Controlled Tip and Slaughterhouse and Banks of Streams through Walks.

SHOPS ACT

Inspections made: - 19

Bakehouses: 5 in area: Inspections - 15

Fish Frying: 2 in area: Inspections - 6

<u>Factories</u>	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Notices</u>
1. In which Sections, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are enforced by L.A. ..	17	33	2
2. Factories not in 1 in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A. ..	16	36	4
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A. ..	-	-	-
TOTAL:	33	69	6

Some defects were found but were corrected without formal action.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL INSPECTION DUTIES

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Inspections</u>
Bakehouses	15
Fishshops	12
Infectious Diseases	6
Verminous Premises	8
Factories	69
Ice Cream	33
Milk	16
Housing	92
Food in Shops	24
Licenced Premises	38
Cafes etc.	14
Shops Act	19
Miscellaneous	<u>311</u>
TOTAL	<u>657</u>